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PLEASE RESPOND TO:

The Honorable George W. Bush President of the United States The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The proposed transfer of operational management of six American seaports to Dubai World Ports needs considerable additional review before a final takeover is confirmed. I respectfully request you use every available means to place a temporary hold on the transaction until Congress has ample time to fully examine and evaluate the potential national security implications associated with this deal.

Like you, I remain committed to fighting the global war against terrorism. At this time, a more thorough examination by Congress and your top advisors would be a most prudent course of action to assure that our port cities do not unduly face a greater threat of terrorism.

Sincerely.

I look forward to working with you to resolve this matter.

HAROLD ROGERS

Member of Congress